The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
April 28, 2000

Museum honors its many volunteers

Nearly 450 volunteers, guests and their Museum supervisors enjoyed the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 13. At this time the volunteers are honored for their contributions for the past year. The 72,500 hours translates into a contribution of over $1-million, but the Museum knows that they are invaluable for their enthusiasm, energy, commitment, and as ambassadors in their communities.

Ronald Gidwitz, newly-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, greeted the honorees and guests. He said he was pleased that his first official duty at the Museum was to recognize our very important volunteers who do so much for the Museum.

A special award was given to **Peter Gayford** for 25 years of service and his new appointment as an Associate in Anthropology. The Searle Award for 20 years of service was received by **Dennis Kinzig, Marianne Schenker** and **David Walker.** A new award catagory was initiated this year with nine teenage volunteers—with 100 or more hours in the Education Department—receiving the U.S. President's Student Service Award.

The success of this event is due to the support and help of the following people and departments: **John Mc Carter, Marilyn Martinson** and the HR staff, **Mary Ann Bloom** and **Kathleen Donofrio** in Education, **Carlita Wilds** in Special Events, **Amanda Reeves** and **David Quednau** in Exhibits, volunteers **Ruth Berns** and **Mary Nelson, Lionel Dunn** and his incomparable saxophone, Audio-Visual, Facilities & Planning, Housekeeping, Photography, Print Shop, Protection Services, Shipping and Visitor Services.

Thanks to all of you for making this a special evening for the Museum's priceless volunteers.

Submitted by **Patti Stratton**

FIELD NOTES

Week of May 1

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo Class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

Museum Campus Operations Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m.

Public Events/Campus Events

Literary Reading with Kathleen Norris
- Monday, 6:30 p.m. in JST

An Evening with Julie Taymor
- Thursday, 6:30 p.m. in JST

Education Overnight
- Friday to Saturday

Cultural Connections:
To Chicago from Japan
- Saturday, 1 p.m.

Dead Sea Scrolls Symposium
- Sunday, 2 p.m.

Send stories, artwork, ideas to **Rodger Patience** at patience@fmnh.org or ext. 7286.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Research Associate wins Shuchert award

The Paleontological Society recently announced that **Mike Foote** (U. Chicago & Research Associate in the Geology Department) is this year's Schuchert award winner. The Schuchert award recognizes an outstanding early research career in a worker 40 years old or younger. Mike is 36 and one of the younger awardees to date. Mike's early work concentrated on rates of morphologic evolution over time, and more recently he has focused on empirical tests of extinction, speciation and preservation rates. The most notable of these studies, published last year in Science, challenged the popular belief (inferred from molecular biology) that modern mammals diverged in the mid-Mesozoic (more than 100-150 million years ago). The molecular re-analyses inspired by Foote's study now suggest divergences shortly before the Cenozoic (about 65-70 million years ago), more in line with the available fossil record data.

Mike joins several past/present staff and research associates of the Geologydepartment who have won the award, including:

Peter Crane (former Chair, Geology Department and Vice-President of Academic Affairs, FMNH)
David Raup (former Chair, Geology Department and Dean of Science, FMNH)
Jack Sepkoski (deceased, Research Associate, U. Chicago)
Tom Schopf (deceased, Research Associate, U. Chicago)
Dan Fisher (Research Associate, U. Michigan)
David Jablonski (Research Associate, U. Chicago)
Susan Kidwell (Research Associate, U. Chicago)

As if this wasn't enough, Mike also is a first-rate first basemen for the mighty DOGs softball team in Hyde Park.

Field Museum staffer featured on Good Morning America's web site

Darin Croft, Education Program Developer and Geology Post-Doctoral Research Scientist, is currently featured on a special Good Morning America web story called "Discovering Dinosaurs", appearing both as print text and a video on ABC News' web site. Darin talks about how his initial love of dinosaurs helped spark an interest in science, and how dinosaurs are the ice-breaker that can get kids interested in science who normally shy away from it. The story also mentions that the current wave of dinosaur excitement due to TV specials, dinosaur exhibits (like the SUE opening!) and the soon-to-be-released Disney dinosaur movie will almost certainly result in a whole new generation of inspired scientists. Please go to the web site below to see the story in full:

http://abcnews.go.com/onair/GoodMorningAmerica/gma000414_dinosaurs_feat.html

Submitted by **Carter O'Brien**

MUSEUM CAMPUS CHICAGO

• Thanks to the following people and departments for ensuring that the Federal Railroad Administration hearings on Wednesday, 4/26 go smoothly: **Fay Levin** (External Affairs), **Carlita Wilds, Lisa Miller, Alan Smetana** (Special Events), **Laura Sadler** (Auxiliary Services), **Robert Cazy & Ron Hall** (Audio Visual), **Jeff Hawkins** (Protection Services), Housekeeping, Facility Planning & Operations, Visitor Services. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

• An updated taxicab list is available from the Campus office. Please call 312-665-7422 to request one or download a list from www.cityofchicago.org/ConsumerServices.

• The new Campus concession building is now open from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Visit Stefani's for hot dogs, sandwiches and ice cream. Stefani's will be open daily beginning Monday, May 29. (The bathrooms in the concession building are now open).

• Hey ER fans! Look for scenes featuring ER characters Drs. Hathaway (Juliana Marguiles), Kovac and Greene (Anthony Edwards) on the Museum Campus in upcoming episodes to air in May!

• The boating season began Saturday, April 15. The City has scheduled ongoing boat runs to the harbors; expect delays if you are attending meetings or expecting guests from the downtown area. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday 4/22	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday 4/26	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday 4/29	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday 4/30	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesday 5/2	9:30 m - 12:30 pm
Thursday 5/4	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Saturday 5/6	8 am - 11 am AND Noon - 3pm
Sunday 5/7	9 am - noon
Tuesday 5/9	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday 5/11	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Saturday 5/13	8:00 am - 11 am AND noon - 3pm

Submitted by **Christina Breslow**

Reminder: Multi-Source Feedback Forms are due May 8

Remember to return your Multi-Source Feedback Form (about your supervisor) by **Monday, May 8, 2000, to the Human Resources Department.** Forms will not be accepted after this date. Questions, call extension 7271. Thank you.

Submitted by **Shawn VanDerziel**

North elevator to remain out of service until May 10

Facility Planning & Operations appreciates the patience of the Staff and Volunteers while an evaluation was made of the North Elevator repair needs and options open to the Museum for these repairs. The North Elevator will remain out of service until May 10 in order to complete repairs.

For our Staff and Volunteers physically unable to use the stairway connection between the third and fourth floor, the freight elevator may be used as a passenger elevator.

Thank you again for your patience.

Submitted by **Lou French**

Packing materials—free to a good home!

If anyone needs packing materials (peanuts, bubble wrap, cardboard boxes, Tyvek) please contact **Mary Anne Rogers** in Fishes at ext. 7732. If you don't need them immediately, but might later, please consider taking these supplies now and storing them for future use. We have until May 12 to find new uses for these materials.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

John Pleas of Protection Services will be retiring on May 1. I consider that Mr. Pleas has been an exemplary Protection Services officer, as I have had the opportunity to seek his assistance at The Field Museum more than once. I will miss conversations with John and the sound of softly-played jazz music when I leave late in the evening from the West Door.

I have witnessed the true gentleness, honesty, and integrity of this man's heart—please join me in wishing him his best years yet during his upcoming retirement.

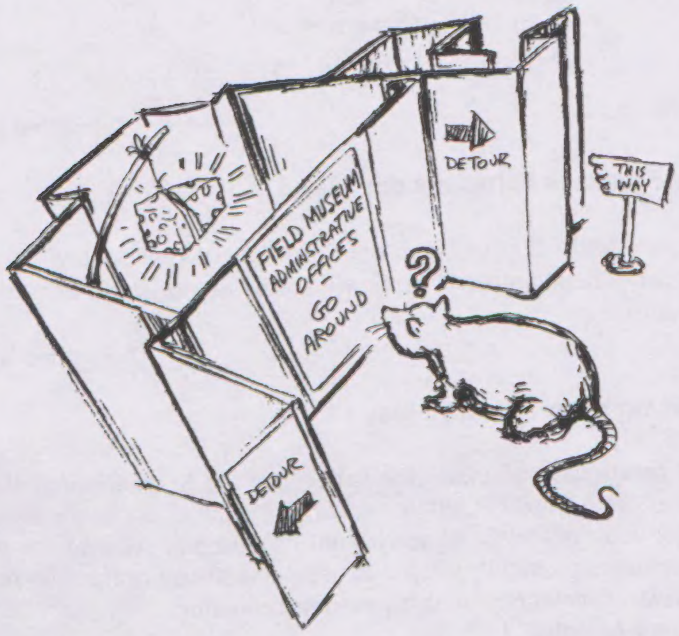
Submitted by **Lori Grove**, Geology Department

KUDOS

Many thanks & praise to **Paula Ramos**, the Visitor Services Staff and Protection Services for a job well done! My daughter's kindergarten class was scheduled for a field trip to The Field Museum on what ended up being an extremely busy day during Spring Break Season.

The very efficient handling of checking in the group, coat check and lunch room service by Visitor & Protection Services and a most informative tour led by Paula made what could have been a very stressful time most enjoyable! Thanks again and keep up the great work.

Submitted by **Susan Schoen**, Special Events



Feinman in Mexico

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Virtually join an archaeological dig in Oaxaca, Mexico!

This month, Dr. Gary Feinman is sending e-mail updates from his field research site in Oaxaca in the south of Mexico to friends of The Field Museum. He has conducted archaeological field research in Oaxaca, Mexico, for over 20 years. On this expedition, Dr. Feinman is conducting excavations of prehispanic houses at El Palmillo, a large hilltop terrace site in the eastern Valley of Oaxaca.

This is a recent excerpt from Dr. Feinman's updates to friends of The Field Museum:

"El Palmillo, like Monte Albán, is one of many hilltop sites in the Valley of Oaxaca. These sites have a series of human-made terraces that run almost like steps down the steep sides of these hills. To date, despite the prevalence and size of these hilltop settlements, we know very little about how these terraces looked or were used, or about the nature of residential life at these sites. Our investigations at El Palmillo have endeavored to change that, and we will talk more about our 1999 findings and what they mean as we proceed with this year's investigation.

El Palmillo

In 1999, we excavated three of the more than 1400 terraces at El Palmillo in their entirety, along with portions of three others. On one of the terraces, we found a large, but relatively shallow, oven. This oven or horno was not like the numerous ceramic firing facilities that we found in our Ejutla work or the one that we recovered in El Palmillo last year. Rather, this large, shallow oven was full of black soil and pottery pieces that were coated with a sticky, oily black residue that often included fibrous material. In many ways, the El Palmillo oven and its contents resembled the ovens that we see all over Matatlán today. In Matatlán, these ovens that are dug into the earth are used to cook the hearts of maguey in the production of mescal.

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Nevertheless, we know that mescal is strictly a post-Conquest drink. The distillation process used to manufacture mescal was introduced from Europe, although maguey was a Mexican plant. The specific variety of maguey farmed today to make mescal is cultivated, likely a product of post-Conquest selection. So we wondered whether (and how) the oven at El Palmillo was used to process maguey. Pulque, the prehispanic alcoholic beverage made from a different species of maguey than that used for mescal, does not require roasting of the maguey hearts. Although pulque may have been made at ancient El Palmillo, the oven would not have been necessary for its production.

Horsepower employed at contemporary Matatlan Palenque to extract liquid from roasted maguey.

Interestingly, many of the plants that we see on the site of El Palmillo are different from those found elsewhere in the territory of Matatlán. Many of these plants on the site have or had economic value. Since no one has lived on El Palmillo since the 16th century, and much of the site is too rocky and steep to farm, the vegetation on site today probably reflects some of the plant varieties that grew there prehispanically when the location was inhabited. The contemporary plants represent a kind of relic community. These plants include the variety of yucca that some locals refer to as palmillo, the plant that gives the site its principal name. Yucca is not only a good food source, it also is a source of fiber for basketry. A noncultivated variety of maguey also is found on site. This type is different from the kind of maguey grown throughout Matatlán that is used to make mescal. Rather, this wild maguey variety may have been used for pulque, food, and/or fiber.

We strongly suspect that the large, shallow earth oven at El Palmillo was employed to roast the hearts of maguey as a food source. This is not surprising since the earliest inhabitants of the Mitla-Matatlán area also roasted wild maguey hearts as a key food staple, roughly 11,000 years ago. The land around El Palmillo is hilly and mostly dry, so it is unlikely that the occupants of the site could have depended on corn as the sole dietary staple, as was possible in other, wetter parts of the Valley of Oaxaca. Yet we also would like to strengthen the evidential basis of our strong suspicion or hypothesis regarding maguey roasting and use at El Palmillo. To do this, we need to compare the soils and fibers found in association with the El Palmillo horno with the byproducts of the contemporary mescal ovens in Matatlán.

With that in mind, we visited one of the many palenques or small mescal factories in Matatlán this morning. Last spring, we had visited this same house lot (the entire production process is carried out in this family's yard or house lot), and it was there we had first observed the formal similarities between the modern maguey ovens and the one that we unearthed at El Palmillo. We also had taken pictures, which we had promised to share with the family. As a consequence, when we returned, we brought copies of the photos that we had shot a year ago. These were received appreciatively by the patriarch of the family, who mentioned that many tourists had taken photos of his operation before, but never before had the images been shared. While there, and with the family's permission, we also took samples of the black, carbonized earth, fire-cracked rock, and dried fibers that are remnants of maguey processing. These samples will be chemically and botanically compared to archaeological samples from the site."

If you would like to subscribe to this e-mail list, please send an e-mail to rjose@fmnh.org with the Subject Heading "Feinman in Mexico."

NO PARKING

MAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

DUE TO THE SCHEDULE CHANGE FROM WINTER TO SUMMER OPERATING HOURS AT SOLDIER FIELD, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE **NORTH LOT** FROM MAY 1-SEPTEMBER 30.

PLEASE PARK AT THE EAST SOLDIER FIELD LOT.

If you have any questions, please call ext. 7911

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Staff Parking:

Field Museum staff parking is available in the Field Museum West lot and Soldier Field Lots*.

*Soldier Field lots include: North lot, East Soldier Field Lot, East Soldier Field Lot-CPD portion, Sky box lot, Adler Planetarium lot and South lot. The Field Museum primarily uses the North and East Soldier Field lots.

Parking Rates:

The Chicago Park District sets the parking rates in all of the Soldier Fields lots. Therefore, the parking rates can be changed at their discretion.

Monthly Parking Pass:

Staff who purchases a Soldier Field monthly parking pass will be charged a $45.00 per month parking fee. Payment may be made on a monthly basis at the Museum's cashier or may be deducted automatically from payroll.

Soldier Field parking availability is subject to changes based on events happening at Soldier Field or the Museum Campus.

Lost Monthly Parking Pass:

Since the monthly parking passes are bar-coded, Soldier Field can render the bar-code as unauthorized and thus issue a new pass at no charge depending on frequency of occurrence. Contact the Public Services Department for assistance at extension 7911.

$4.25 Non-event Day Parking Coupons (Daily Discount Coupons):

Daily discount $4.25 parking coupons may be purchased by Field Museum staff or volunteers at the Museum's cashier.

These coupons are to be used by Field Museum, Shedd and Adler Staff and volunteers only. Attendants will ask for an institution identification card before accepting these coupons. If staff or volunteers do not have their identification card, they will have to pay the daily parking fee or event day fee.

Please do not distribute these coupons to vendors, friends or family members. These coupons should not be used for meetings or for special events.

Lost $4.25 Daily Discount Coupons:

Lost $4.25 daily discount coupons will not be replaced.

Staff Parking: Soldier Field Lots

During some Soldier Field Events, monthly parking passes; $4.25 discount parking coupons and $7.00 coupons may not be accepted at any of the Soldier Field parking lots. The Soldier Field Event Day fee may go into effect for events such as: Chicago Fire Soccer Games, Bears Games, Concerts, etc. All monthly parking passes and non-event day coupons will be accepted until the event day parking rate goes into effect. The event day parking rate will go into effect four (4) hours prior to event time in the North and East Soldier Field lots. However, this time may be subject to change. The $7.00 daily rate at the Adler Planetarium lot will always remain until four (4) hours prior to events at Soldier Field of 15,000 or less.

North, East Soldier Field and Adler Planetarium lot parking availability is subject to changes based on events happening at Soldier Field or the Museum Campus. Notices will be sent by the Public Services Department as soon as information is received from Soldier Field or the Museum Campus Institution. These notices will be sent out via e-mail, telephone broadcast, posted flyers or the Soldier Field Intra-net Parking Calendar.

North Soldier Field Lot:

Staff may park in the North lot, depending upon availability, from October 1st to April 30th.

When Soldier Field or any Museum Campus institution is holding an event in the evening,

staff may be asked to park at another Soldier Field lot or to evacuate the North lot early.

East Soldier Field Lot:

Staff may park at the East Soldier Field lot except during Bears Game days.

When Soldier Field or any Museum Campus institution is holding an event during the day or in the evening, staff may be asked to park at the Sky Box lot, which is the farthest part of the East Soldier Field lot, or to evacuate the East Soldier Field lot early.

Adler Planetarium Lot:

Staff may park at the Adler Planetarium Soldier Field lot at all times.

Soldier Field/ City of Chicago Parking-Boot System:

Please be aware that the City of Chicago is authorized to ticket, boot or tow any vehicle in any of the Soldier Field Parking lots. The boot system was designed, by the City of Chicago, to prevent anyone with more than a specific number of outstanding parking tickets from driving his/her car until the debt is paid. If the debt is not paid within 24 hours of booting, the vehicle is subsequently towed. In addition to a "boot" fee, towing and storage fees are incurred once a vehicle has been impounded

If you need assistance with your parking situation, please call City of Chicago Department of Revenue Parking Assistance at 312-744-PARK.

Field Museum West Lot Parking:

Parking in the West lot during the weekday is limited to:

- Museum Owned Vehicles
- Field Museum President
- Field Museum Volunteers
- Research Associates
- Students
- Unpaid Interns
- Disabled Staff
- McDonald's Management
- Corner Bakery Management
- Field Museum Night Shift Staff
- Field Museum Board of Trustee Members
- Field Museum Women's Board Members

West Lot Reserved Parking Spaces:

Reserved parking is limited to two spaces for the following departments:

- President's Office
- Development
- Public Relations
- Special Event Guests

Field West Lot Drop Off/ Pick Up

The following will be allowed in the West lot for drop-off and pick-up purposes only:

- Teachers or their agents in connection with Harris Extension Loan Center.
- School and Tour Group Buses
- Disabled Staff and Visitors
- Visitors with Strollers or Wheelchairs

Event Parking:

North Soldier Field Lot Event Parking:

The North Soldier Field Lot is located East of the Field Museum. This lot has a capacity of 200 spaces plus one attendant booth.

If you are holding an event during Museum operating hours or an after-hours event, you may obtain the parking lot for the event by:

Option 1: Buyout the lot-
You purchase the entire lot (200 spaces) and pay for an attendant to operate the lot. Your guests will not pay a fee to park.

You cannot buy a portion of the lot nor will spaces be reserved.

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East Soldier Field Lot and Adler Planetarium Lot Event Parking:

The East Soldier Field Lot is located East of the Chicago Park District Administration Building. This lot has a capacity of 1,100 spaces plus four attendant booths.

The Adler Planetarium Lot is located on Solidarity Drive. This lot has a capacity of 500 spaces plus one attendant booth.

If you are holding an event during Museum operating hours or an after-hours event, you may obtain parking for the event by:

Option 1: Buyout the lot-
This option will allow you to pay for your guests' parking. This can be done by purchasing a minimum of 200 spaces and then in increments of 50 thereafter. You will also have to pay an attendant fee to open and operate your lot for 4 hours. If you have a Valet Service, you will not need an attendant.

Option 2: Pay for an attendant-
This option will allow you to pay for a Soldier Field employee (an attendant) who will open and operate your lot for 4 hours. Your guests pay a parking fee.

Option 3: Pay for an attendant and issue $7 parking coupons-
You can send $7 parking coupons to your guests prior to the event along with the invitation or you can request a guard from the Protection Services department and provide that guard with a list of guests who are authorized to receive $7 parking coupons. As the guests arrive and check in with the Field Museum guard, he/she will check the list and issue a $7 parking coupon, which your guests will give to the Soldier Field attendant. If the Soldier Field lots are closed, you will need to pay for an attendant who will open and operate your lot for 4 hours. This option provides complimentary parking for your guests.

If your event is during Museum operating hours and you are providing complimentary parking, it is advisable that guests show some kind of identification, i.e. an invitation or a badge, etc.

If your event is during Museum operating hours and you are not providing complimentary parking, your guests may park at any of the Soldier Field lots for a fee.

$7 Soldier Field Parking Coupons:

The Public Service Department has purchased $7.00 parking coupons from Soldier Field Joint Venture as an additional service for departments with minimal parking needs (less than 50 guests).

The parking coupons are great for the following:

- Compliment parking for guests
- Ability to mail with invitations
- A tracking devise to determine how many guests parked in the lot
- You pay for only the number of spaces used

The parking coupons can be used in any of the Soldier Field Lots. They can be redeemed during and after Soldier Field business hours. An attendant fee will only be charged after regular Soldier Field business hours. To purchase $7.00 parking coupons, please e-mail Jacqueline Benitez at jbenitez@fmnh.org.

Lost $7.00 Soldier Field Parking Coupons:

Lost $7.00 daily discount coupons will not be replaced.

West Lot Parking Request

The Department of Protection Services-Museum Protection Division is responsible for coordinating parking at the Field Museum's West lot. Parking requests should be made by visiting our web site or by e-mail using the West lot parking request form.

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Soldier Field Parking Request

Public Services is the Field Museum liaison with Soldier Field Joint Venture. Therefore, in-house and external partner parking requests should be booked through the Public Services Office. External Partners should not directly contact Soldier Field with the exception of Special Events Department clients.

Parking Reservation Form Procedure:

Soldier Field parking requests can be delivered to the Public Services Office or emailed. Requests should be made as soon as possible preferably two weeks before the event date. Please be advised that Soldier Field lot availability is on a first come first serve basis. Because we share the Soldier Field parking lots with other Museum Campus institutions, the lot you request may not be available.

When making a parking reservation, please reserve the Soldier Field lots to open at least one hour before the event begins. This will ensure that the early guests can park in the designated lot.

The invoice or contract that you receive from Soldier Field will serve as confirmation that your request has been processed. West lot parking requests should be directed to the Department of Protection Services.

Electronic Sign Request:

Because we share the electronic sign, the request to have the electronic sign may be denied due to it being used by Soldier Field, the Chicago Park District or one of the Museum Campus Institutions. The request for the sign should be made by using the Soldier Field Parking Request form. There is no fee for use of the electronic sign.

Payment of Invoices or Contract:

The Public Services Department will forward the parking contract or invoice to you for payment. Once the contract or invoice is received, please verify that all information is correct: Date, Time and Lot. The requesting department has the responsibility of submitting the appropriate paper work to Finance to pay the contract or invoice. The requesting department must deliver the check to the Public Service Office. We will have the check personally delivered to the Soldier Field Parking Coordinator.

Special Event Access Pass:

When your event is during a Soldier Field Event, in which access onto McFetridge Drive is restricted such as: Bears Games or Concerts, you will need to mail to your guests a Special Event Access Pass distributed through the Chicago Park District for access on to McFetridge Drive and the Soldier Field Parking lots. This pass can be obtained from the Public Services Office. If your guest does not present this pass, they will not be admitted on McFetridge Drive.

Museum Campus Notification

All events with guest attendance of 300 and over require that the event coordinator attend the Museum Campus Operations Meeting at least two weeks before the event. The coordinator must contact the Museum Campus Office, by phone at 312-665-7421 or 312-665-7422 to discuss transportation issues, including parking arrangements.

Soldier Field Parking Information

Important parking information relating to Soldier Field Hours of Operation, Soldier Field Parking Fees, Parking Request Form and a Soldier Field Parking Lot map may be found at the following intra-net site: http://intranet1/departments/public_services/default.html

A Soldier Field Parking Calendar can be found at http://intranet1:100/parking. By clicking once

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on the event, you can find more detailed information relating to staff parking, event time, lots used, etc.

Alternative Parking Information

During some Soldier Field events, particularly on weekends, staff may not be able to access McFetridge Drive; therefore, staff can park at any of the following lots for the posted fee and a trolley or shuttle will transport them to the Museum Campus.

East Monroe Parking Garage
350 East Monroe
312-742-7644
$8 parking fee

The McCormick Place
31st St. and Lake Shore Drive
312-274-2000
$10 parking fee

Grant Park South Garage
25 South Michigan
312-747-2519
$11.00 Fee During the Day
$8.00 Fee after 4:00 p.m.

Soldier Field Joint Venture Parking
425 East McFetridge Drive
312-747-1285

Soldier Field Parking Fees, Schedule, Map

SOLDIER FIELD PARKING FEES

Daily Rates-cars	$ 7.00
-buses	$ 14.00
Parking Lot (buyouts)	$ 1,050.00 per 200 spaces
Parking Lot (attendant)	$ 60.00 per attendant and daily rate of $5.00
Monthly Parking	$ 45.00 per month
Employee daily coupon	$ 4.25 per day for staff & volunteers only
Event Day Parking-cars	$ 10.00 Soccer Games and Pan Am Festival parking rate is $10 for cars. Bears Football Game parking rate is $20 for cars.
Event Day Parking- buses	$40.00

SOLDIER FIELD HOURS OF OPERATION

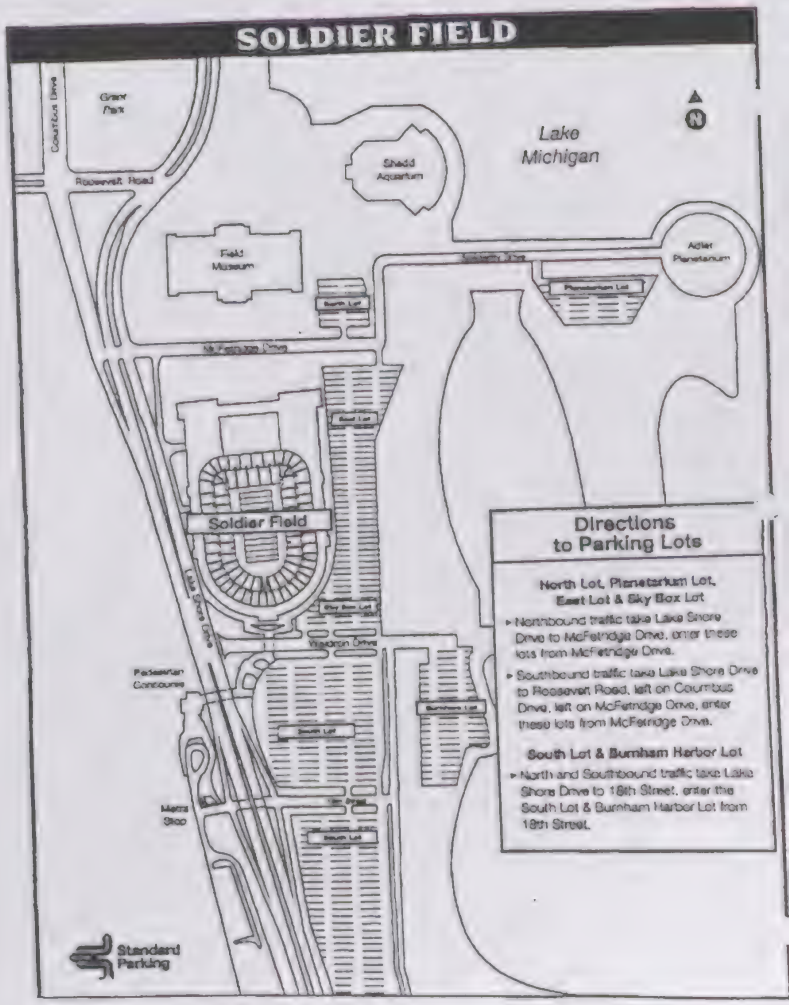
WINTER SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 1 – APRIL 30

	MONDAY -FRIDAY	SATURDAY - SUNDAY
NORTH LOT	5:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
EAST SOLDIER FIELD	7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
PLANETARIUM	7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. *FRIDAY UNTIL 9:00 P.M.*	7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
SOUTH LOT		EVENT BASIS ONLY

SUMMER SCHEDULE: MAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30

	MONDAY -FRIDAY	SATURDAY - SUNDAY
NORTH LOT	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
EAST SOLDIER FIELD	6:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.	6:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
PLANETARIUM	7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. *THURSDAY AND FRIDAY UNTIL 9:00 P.M.*	7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
SOUTH LOT	8:00 A.M.- 8:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M.- 8:00 P.M.

CERTAIN LOTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO EARLY CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS


SOLDIER FIELD
Grant Park
Lake Michigan
Shedd Aquarium
Roosevelt Road
Field Museum
Adler Planetarium
Soldier Field
Directions to Parking Lots
North Lot, Planetarium Lot, East Lot & Sky Box Lot
Northbound traffic take Lake Shore Drive to McFetridge Drive, enter these lots from McFetridge Drive.
Southbound traffic take Lake Shore Drive to Roosevelt Road, left on Columbus Drive, left on McFetridge Drive, enter these lots from McFetridge Drive.
South Lot & Burnham Harbor Lot
North and Southbound traffic take Lake Shore Drive to 18th Street, enter the South Lot & Burnham Harbor Lot from 18th Street.
Pedestrian Concourse
Metra Stop
Standard Parking

Museum staffers attend NSF conference

The Field Museum had a strong showing at National Science Foundation's recent conference in Washington, DC. The conference, organized for all recipients of the NSF PEET grant program (Partnership for Enhancing Expertise in Taxonomy) was attended by the principal investigators of the Museum's three PEET grants.

Sabine Huhndorf (Botany) and her graduate student **Andy Miller** and postdoctoral associate **Fernando Fernandez** presented two posters. **Rudiger Bieler** (Invertebrates) gave one of the invited presentations on the first day of the conference, and his co-PI **Paula Mikkelsen** (Research Associate in Invertebrates and Curator at the American Museum) also attended the meeting. **Petra Sierwald** (Insects, with graduate student **Marius van der Merwe** and postdoctoral associate **Jason Bond**) attended workshops and took the opportunity to work in the extensive millipede collection of the Smithsonian Institutions. The main topic of the conference focused on monographic work in systematics, and it was well-attended by systematists and, significantly, new students in the field.

Herp surfing

Field Museum's amphibian and reptile collection database can now be browsed from the World Wide Web. The website for the retrieval of information on the 258,000 specimens in the collection can be queried at www.fmnh.org/collections/herps/main.asp.

This new service was implemented as part of a grant from the National Science Foundation and many thanks are due to the talented Computer Services staff (**Andy Chan, Erica Bishop, Neil Young, Jim Koeppl** and **Peter Lowther**) for their efforts in making the website a reality. We now join a group of less than ten other amphibian and reptile collections throughout the world that have a cyber presence. Please feel free to browse our catalogue and direct any comments or suggestions to **Alan Resetar** at aresetar@fmnh.org.

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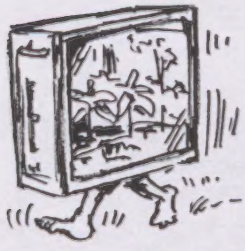

An exhibit case from the Harris Loan Center was taken on Monday, April 10 at approximately 2:00 pm from the Mailroom/Housekeeping/FP&O hallway located on the ground floor. The small exhibit case depicts the plant Golden Ragwort and is about 24" high, 22" wide and 7" deep with a plexiglass front. If anyone has seen this case or knows of its whereabouts please contact the Harris Loan Center at ext. 7555.

Submitted by **Betsy Axley**, ECP

INFORMATION SERVICES

New web master joins Museum staff

The web team is pleased to announce that Peter Lang has started as the Museum's new web master. After an extensive search we are pleased to have someone with Peter's range of skill and expertise. Peter most recently worked as the IT Mediated Learning Project Officer at Sheffield Hallam University in England where he provided staff training and technical support in using information technology as a teaching aid. Before that he worked as an intranet site developer, webmaster, and monthly magazine editor at BP Amoco in England.

Peter has a Ph.D in Geology from the University of London. His thesis was on the evolution of plant-insect interactions in the late Cretaceous and early Tertiary. Peter will have primary responsibility for the Museum's intranet (internal site) and all things technical related to our public web site. Please welcome Peter at extension 7808 or via e-mail at plang@fmnh.org. He is sharing an office with Lori Breslauer and Dennis Villagracia in Academic Affairs on the third floor.

Submitted by Lori Breslauer

EXHIBITS

Dead Sea Scrolls to stay a little longer

Great news! The Dead Sea Scrolls has been extended by one week! The new closing date is June 18.

Submitted by Ariel Orlov

Exhibition addition in the Maori marae

The next time you're in the vicinity of the marae (the ceremonial ground surrounding the Maori meeting house), check out the two new cases which feature objects and photographs on the theme of community gatherings. Among other objects are a Mono acorn mush basket, a Samoan kava bowl, and an American Thanksgiving turkey platter.

The new cases echo **Living Together's** "common concerns, different responses" theme, and serve as a link to the **Marae Gallery**, which features traveling exhibitions that embrace the theme of community.

A brief "thank you" to key staff members involved with the project hints at just how much work is entailed in the curation, conservation, development, design, and production of two exhibit cases. Thank you's go to Anthropology staff **Chap Kusimba, Jonathan Haas**, and project Curator **John Terrell; Cap Sease** and Anthropology Conservation staff members **Christine Sinno** and **Jon Rogers**; Three- and Two-Dimensional Designers **John Dalton** and **Lance Kirsch**; Production Supervisor **Paul Brunsvold** and crew members **Brian Dettmer** and **Ashley Golden**; Mount Shop Supervisor **Pam Gaible** and crew members **Amanda Flood, David Mendez**, and **Lauren Was**; and lighting designer **Abe Bloom**.

Thank you all, for this excellent addition to the Maori marae.

Submitted by Matt Matcuk

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Call for submissions from artists who are also museum employees

Dear Colleagues:

The Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University is organizing "After Hours: The Museum Professional as Artist," an exhibition scheduled to be on view from 17 October 2000 to 28 January 2001. This exhibition will feature the work of visual artists who also maintain a career as an art museum professional and will investigate the ways in which their employment as a museum professional informs their art and vice versa. Professionals from all areas of museum operation (curators, directors, educators, exhibition designers, preparators, publications, public relations, registrars, etc.) are encouraged to participate. There are no restrictions on media. A curatorial team composed of staff members of the Beach Museum of Art will make the final selection of objects to be included in the exhibition. This is not a juried or competitive exhibition.

Those interested should send a letter of interest accompanied by a CV or résumé and photographic materials (slides or prints) to: "After Hours" The Beach Museum of Art Kansas State University 701 Beach Lane, Manhattan, KS 66506

Submissions received by 15 August 2000 will be considered. Final selection will be made by 15 September 2000. The Museum will be responsible for all costs associated with packing, shipping, and insurance. For further information contact Bill North, Senior Curator (785/532-7718 or bnorth@ksu.edu). Please pass along this information to colleagues at your institution as well as at other museums.

Sent by: Eugene Dillenburg
John G. Shedd Aquarium

Chicago Bears 2000 Schedule

2000 BEARS PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Chicago Time
Saturday, August 5	at New York Giants	7:00 pm
Saturday, August 12	CLEVELAND BROWNS	7:00 pm
Saturday, August 19*	at Cincinnati Bengals	6:30 pm*
Friday, August 25	TENNESSEE TITANS	7:00 pm

* If Paul Brown Stadium is not ready for the scheduled August 19 contest, the game will be played on Thursday, August 17 beginning at 6:00 pm at Cinergy Field. The status of Paul Brown Stadium will be known at least one month before the game.

2000 BEARS REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Chicago Time
Sunday, September 3	at Minnesota Vikings	Noon
Sunday, September 10	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Noon
Sunday, September 17	NEW YORK GIANTS	3:15 pm
Sunday, September 24	DETROIT LIONS	Noon
Sunday, October 1	at Green Bay Packers	3:15 pm
Sunday, October 8	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	Noon
Sunday, October 15	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	7:20 pm
Sunday, October 22	at Philadelphia Eagles	Noon
Sunday, October 29	*BYE WEEK*	
Sunday, November 5	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	Noon
Sunday, November 12	at Buffalo Bills	Noon
Sunday, November 19	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	Noon
Sunday, November 26	at New York Jets	Noon
Sunday, December 3	GREEN BAY PACKERS	7:20 pm
Sunday, December 10	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	Noon
Sunday, December 17	at San Francisco 49ers	3:05 pm
Sunday, December 24	at Detroit Lions	Noon

2000 POST-SEASON SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sunday, December 30-31, 2000	Wild-Card Playoffs
Saturday, Sunday, January 6-7, 2001	Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, January 14	AFC-NFC Championship Games
Sunday, January 28	Super Bowl XXXV, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, FL

The Field Museum Presents

Voices From the Field
Keynote Lecture Series

An evening with

Julie Taymor

Two-time Tony Award winner, The Lion King

Theatrical director and designer Julie Taymor rocked Broadway with her imaginative and provocative interpretation of *The Lion King*. Combining masks, puppetry, and experimental staging techniques, Taymor turned the well-known feature-length cartoon with animated animal characters into a musical with human performers. Taymor worked as both director and costume designer on *The Lion King*, and the "costumes" she designed consisted of large-scale puppet-masks in which the actors captured the essence of their characters by achieving maximum compatibility between person and puppet, man and animal. Her efforts garnered her two Tony Awards, for Best Direction of a Musical and Best Costume Design.

With productions ranging from musicals to Shakespeare to operas, Taymor – who is heavily influenced by Indonesian and Japanese theater – has made a significant impact on contemporary theatrical design and direction. A book on her work was published in 1995 by Abrams. Taymor's latest project is a feature film of Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus*, shot in Rome with Anthony Hopkins in the title role. She is also collaborating with composer Elliot Goldenthal on a new opera, *Grendal*, scheduled to premier in 2000, and her production of the play *The Green Bird* just opened in New York. Among other accolades and awards, Taymor is a recipient of the MacArthur "Genius Grant" and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

This project is partially supported by a CityArts Program 4 Grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. The Field Museum salutes the people of Chicago for their long-standing, generous support of the Museum through the Chicago Park District.

One night only!

Thursday
May 4, 2000
6:30 p.m.

$20 general, $15 members,
$18 students and educators
Group rates available

Call (312) 665-7400 for tickets or more information

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